

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2162 - HB 2649

March 28, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (016236): Authorizes healthcare facilities to employ and commission police officers who, at a minimum, meet requirements under the peace officer standards and training (POST) commission to provide security and law enforcement at the facilities. States that a law enforcement agency may enter into a written mutual assistance or other agreement with other law enforcement agencies as are necessary to preserve and protect the property, patients, and employees of the facility employing the officers.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation allows for healthcare facilities to establish additional qualifying factors, training standards, and policies for its police officers. However, the legislation does not require facilities to employ police officers or to establish these additional standards and policies.
- Any additional costs associated with employing police officers instead of hiring private security or other safety staff, are assumed to be at the expense of the hiring facility; therefore, there is assumed to be no fiscal impact to state or local government.
- Pursuant to the proposed legislation, a police officer acting in accordance with the assistance agreement is covered by the liability insurance policy of the agency of the officer's regular employment.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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